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March 17, 2014

Sean Sheldrake  
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Re: February 2014 Monthly Progress Report  
Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action  
U.S. EPA Region 10 Docket No. CERCLA 10-2009-0255  
Gasco Sediments Site within the Portland Harbor Superfund Site

Project Number: 000029-02.32

Dear Mr. Sheldrake:

This monthly progress report provides information required by Section VIII, Paragraph 26, of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action (Order) for actions taken in February 2014 at the Gasco Sediments Site within the Portland Harbor Superfund Site.

## **1. ACTIONS TAKEN IN THIS MONTH AND PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED**

The following actions and correspondences occurred in this month:

- **February 3** – NW Natural received an electronic email from EPA stating that NW Natural is no longer required to respond to EPA's letter regarding *Response to Proposed Methods for the Substantial Product Accessibility Analysis, Gasco Sediments Site* dated January 24, 2013 within 30 days. The email further stated that the path forward response to this letter will be determined based on a meeting scheduled between EPA and NW Natural on March 3, 2014 to determine what response schedule is feasible to maintain consistency with the ongoing Portland Harbor Superfund Site.

- **February 14** – Anchor QEA received CDM Federal Programs Corporation report titled *Field Oversight Report U.S. Moorings Substantial Product Investigation, Gasco Sediments Site, Portland, Oregon* dated February 5, 2014.
- **February 17** – Anchor QEA submitted the Gasco Sediments Site monthly progress report to EPA.
- **February 18** – Anchor QEA performed the monthly visual monitoring of the shoreline area in the direct vicinity of the pilot cap.

## **2. RESULTS OF SAMPLING, TESTS, AND OTHER DATA RECEIVED**

The results of the monthly visual monitoring of the shoreline area in the direct vicinity of the pilot cap are provided as Attachment A.

## **3. SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT MONTH**

Anchor QEA anticipates the following activities to occur in the next month:

- Submit the March monthly progress report.
- Complete monthly visual monitoring of the shoreline area in the direct vicinity of the pilot cap area.
- Provide NW Natural comments on the CDM Federal Programs Corporation report titled *Field Oversight Report U.S. Moorings Substantial Product Investigation, Gasco Sediments Site, Portland, Oregon* dated February 5, 2014, if necessary.
- NW Natural and Siltronic to meet with EPA on March 3, 2014 to discuss the path forward for the Gasco Sediments Site *Substantial Product Accessibility Framework* and other unresolved technical issues on the *Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis*.

## **4. ANTICIPATED PROBLEMS AND PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

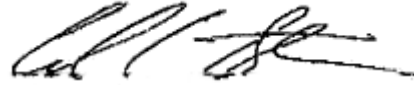
No problems or unforeseen conditions were encountered.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



Ryan Barth, P.E.  
Assistant Project Manager



Carl Stivers, Partner  
Project Manager

**Attachments:**

Attachment A      Monthly Visual Monitoring Report for Pilot Cap Vicinity

Cc:

Bob Wyatt, NW Natural

Patty Dost, Pearl Legal Group PC

Myron Burr, Siltronic Corporation

Alan Gladstone and William Earle, Davis Rothwell Earle and Xochihua

James Peale, Maul Foster Alongi, Inc.

Lance Peterson, CDM Smith

Matt McClincy, DEQ

Dana Bayuk, DEQ



## Visual Observations Log Form

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**Date** February 18, 2014 **Project Number:** 000029-02.32 Task 4a

**Location:** NW Natural "Gasco" Site

**Project Name:** NW Natural – Gasco

**Monitoring Period:** Monthly (Year 8)—February 2014

**Time Observations Started:** February 18, 2014@ 12:30 **Time Observation Concluded:** February 18, 2014@ 13:30

**Weather Conditions:** Rain, 51° Fahrenheit, winds from the south @ 0-5 knots.

**Wave Action Observations:** Light wave action (0.1 – 0.3 feet in height)

**Photographs Taken:** ☒ Yes ☐ No

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**Tidal Conditions:** Willamette River level on 2/18/14 ranged in elevation from 9.46 to 10.36 feet. The Willamette River level during photos was approximately 9.62 feet measured at 13:00 (River Level Elevation Datum: Morrison Gage Height).

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**Observations of Erosion/Deposition:** No erosion/deposition is evident along the shoreline. The shoreward extent of the cap was not visible due to high river water elevation and the extents of the organoclay mat material were also submerged. (Photo 1).

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**Observations of Long-term Controls (i.e., oil booms, organo-clay mat, etc.)** During the observation, the Fuel and Marine Marketing (FAMM) containment boom was placed across the cap area, between the upriver corner of the ship dock and the wooden dolphin (near the upriver extent of the site and near the Siltronic Corporation outfall). Two buoys that identify the cap area to mariners are in place as installed. The position of the FAMM oil boom, warning buoys, and a general overview of the site shoreline is shown in Photo 2.

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**Other Comments:** No sheen is evident in or around the cap area. Photo 3 shows the water surface and shoreline immediately downriver of the sediment cap.

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**Recorded by:** **Douglas Laffoon**

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Photo 1 — *River level currently above the extent of sediment cap (2/18/14):*



Photo 2 — *FAMM oil boom shown and mariner warning buoys in place across pilot cap area. (2/18/14):*





Photo 3 — *Conditions immediately downriver of cap area (2/18/14):*

